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**COMPLETE LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS, WITH MARKINGS AND STATUS IDENTIFIERS**  
(Currently amended claims showing deletions by ~~striking through~~ and additions by underlining)

1 - 10 (canceled)

11. (currently amended): ~~An absorbable A~~  
biodegradable polyester with at least one monophosphate  
functionality per absorbable polyester chain wherein said  
monophosphate functionality comprises a  $-O-P(O)(OH)_2$  moiety  
covalently linked to said polyester chain via a single  
phosphate bond, and wherein the polyester chain comprises  
one or more monomers selected from the group consisting of  
L-lactic acid, D-lactic acid, DL-lactic acid, malic acid,  
citric acid, tartaric acid,  $\epsilon$ -hydroxy caproic acid, alkylene  
oxalate, cycloalkylene oxalate, alkylene succinate,  
 $\beta$ -hydroxybutyrate, glycolide, glycolic acid, L-lactide,  
D-lactide, DL-lactide, meso-lactide, trimethylene carbonate,  
 $\rho$ -dioxanone, 1,5-dioxepan-2-one and 1,4-dioxepan-2-one and  
any optically active isomers, racemates, or copolymers  
thereof.

12 (original): An absorbable polyester according  
to claim 11 further comprising one or more polyethylene  
glycol segments covalently linked to said polyester.

13 - 28 (canceled)